

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shuji YAMAOKA et al.**

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For: **CIRCUIT PATTERN INSPECTION APPARATUS AND PATTERN
INSPECTION METHOD**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.